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Hongkong, March 25, 1885. 522

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Canton, 1st April, 1885. 557

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Canton, 10th April, 1885. 646

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15th April, 1885. 631

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Hongkong, April 11, 1885. 616

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Hongkong, July 26, 1872. 496

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Hongkong, April 20, 1885. 662

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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The Co.'s Steamship *Tarotis*, Captain Paul, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Inst., at Daylight.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to SHANGHAI, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow, the 21st Instant.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1885. 660

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 19, 1885.—

Caribou, British steamer, 973, Cast, Newchwang April 11, and Chefoo 12, General.—Order.

Wah Yewng, British steamer, 313, Wit, Hichow April 18, General.—CHINESE.

Nanking, British steamer, 807, W. H. Jackson, Shanghai April 16, Mails and General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

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Tobit, British steamer, 1,671, W. D. Midic, Yokohama April 11, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Peng-chau-hai, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

Chintung, American steamer, from Whampoa.

Walter-Siegfried, British barque, 394, Hansson, Tientsin April 3, Beans.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1885. 663

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Hongkong, April 20, 1885. 664

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Hongkong, April 20, 1885. 661

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Canton, 20th April, 1885. 657

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignee before Noon To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday the 27th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at cost, per package per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 30th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 20, 1885. 659

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Stocks. Nos. of Shares. Value. Paid up. POSITION PER LAST REPORT.

Reserve. Balance forward.

Last Dividend. Closing Quotations. Cash.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

The usual half-yearly change in the departure of the home-going mails, necessitated by the change of the monsoon, will take place this week, the French mail leaving to-morrow and the English mail on Friday next. Owing to the short interval between the dates of departure of the two mails this week, our Overland edition, which ordinarily would have been issued to-morrow, will not be issued until Friday, in time for the English mail. The subsequent mails will be despatched on Thursdays.

The Singaporeans are putting us completely in the shade in the matter of imperial federation. On the 11th instant, a large and influential representative meeting was held, at which were represented not only all the various European nationalities, but also Chinese, Arabs and others, for the purpose of forming a branch of the Imperial Federation League. This was accomplished most successfully, and a strong committee was also organised to carry out the resolutions passed at the meeting. The meeting was attended by at least a dozen ladies. What are the promoters of the branch in Hongkong doing?

Our Singapore contemporary, on the 9th instant, says:—“We are informed that the naval defence of Singapore is to be increased by the addition of two or three more men-of-war from China, and it is reported that the turret ship *Wuwei*, which left Hongkong lately under sealed orders, is also coming down this way.” Our contemporary’s information, we are afraid, is hardly likely to turn out correct. The formidable ironclad *Wuwei* is as yet in the port of Hongkong and is likely to remain there, and it is difficult to see where the reinforcements of two or more men-of-war for Singapore are to come from.

The frequents of the Temperance Hall are certainly being catered for in the shape of entertainments most assiduously. No sooner have the “People’s Concerts” ceased for the season, than another form of entertainments, which promise to be of an equally popular nature, is announced. We understand that on Thursday evening next, an amateur combination, styling themselves “The Hongkong Ethiopian and Variety Company,” will give the first of a series of entertainments which they purpose providing at the Temperance Hall. The company consists of eight members. The programme will be ready to-morrow or Wednesday. We believe some of the performers who have taken part in the “People’s Concerts” are also to lend their assistance.

The version of the telegram of the 9th instant regarding the encounter between the Russians and Afghans on the banks of the Kusht river, supplied to the Singapore paper, differs from the one circulated in Hongkong, in that the victory is ascribed to the Russians and not to the Afghans.

Bombay, 9th April.—The Russians have attacked the Afghans on the banks of the Kusht.

The Afghans were defeated with heavy loss.

The *Straits Times*’ version of Mr Gladstone’s statement respecting the attack is also put much more forcibly than in the Hongkong version. It says—London, 10th April.—In the House of Commons, Mr Gladstone in reply to a question said, that the Government is satisfied that the Russian attack on the Afghans was unprovoked, and that an explanation had been demanded.

The heavy rains which have fallen during the day appear to have done a considerable amount of damage in some districts of the Colony, although they could scarcely be said to have come upon us unexpectedly. The western end of the city appears to have suffered most. The Glass and Rope Workshops, in course of erection at Belcher’s Bay, have, we hear, suffered severely, several weeks’ work being undone. Perfect floods have taken place in Western Street and the surrounding district, owing to the drains getting choked by the debris brought down. One street was breast high with water and the ground floors of a number of houses were flooded. A large culvert above the Robinson Road became blocked up early in the day and a large stream of water shortly afterwards came pouring down the hillside across Robinson Road down Mosque Street and on to the Caine Road, necessitating the employment of a number of men from the Surveyor-General’s Department to clear the drains sufficiently to run off the rush of water.

On the other hand, rain was no doubt badly wanted, as the supply of water in the Reservoir was running low, the water being on Saturday 30th 8 in. below the by-wash; lower than it has been throughout the winter.

A District Court Martial was opened on Friday last at the Commissariat Offices to try two men of the Sikh Company of Gun Lascars named Gazeeta Singh and Gunda Singh for assaulting and striking a superior officer, Sergt. Major Isaac of the A. Company Chia Gun Lascars, on Tuesday, the 10th inst.

It appears that on Thursday night, at about 10 p.m., two men of the Sikh Company mentioned attacked the Sergt. Major and handled him rather severely. Jealousy appears to have been the immediate cause of the attack, which assumed such a serious aspect that the guard had to be turned out. This non-commissioned officer attacked a Christian and has a considerable amount of influence throughout the force of Gun Lascars.

cars and would appear to have incurred a considerable amount of envy and ill-feeling on the part of some of the members of the other and numerically stronger company. In fact, we hear that several attempts have been made upon the man’s life, before the present assault.

The first prisoner in the present Court Martial was acquitted on Friday, the identification not being sufficiently clear to connect him with the assault. The Court sat again on the second prisoner, Gunda Singh, on Saturday and again to-day, when the case was further adjourned till to-morrow morning.

On Saturday evening a most agreeable musical and dramatic soirée was given in the hall of Luiz de Camões in the Luzitano Club, by a number of Portuguese ladies and gentlemen, with the object of raising funds wherewith to establish the proposed school for teaching Portuguese in this Colony. Every seat and every inch of standing room in the hall was occupied, mostly by members of the Portuguese community, but there were also present several members of the other foreign communities.

Mr J. M. de Figueiredo opened the proceedings by stating the object of the entertainment, his remarks being received with applause. Miss Josephina Carvalho and Mr C. Danenborg then performed an overture on the piano from the opera “Euryanthe,” by Weber, with much credit to themselves. Mr P. M. Alves, in the comic scene, “O Menos Manos,” created roars of laughter by his humorous remarks. The poetry by Thomas Ribeiro, entitled: “Festa da Caridade,” recited by Mrs Maria Marquez d’Almeida, was the best piece of the evening; there was not a single hitch in her rendering of the author’s beautiful composition from beginning to end.

Next came a duet for Contralto and Soprano, by Misses L. Leiria and B. Remedios. After a few minutes’ interval, a short comedy, was performed, entitled: “Por causa d’um Papagaio,” in which Mrs F. Guedes, Messrs J. Barreto and E. da Silva Antunes took part. The latter gentleman distinguished himself in his part of servant. Miss Carolina da Sezua, a young lady of between 14 and 16 summers, performed on the piano the piece “Gachouche” (caprice) by Raff, very creditably. This young girl took the house by surprise, and promises to become a most accomplished pianist; she was loudly cheered at the end of the piece and was compelled to play a second time—variation from the Carnival of Venice, which she rendered equally well. A trio on the piano, by the two Misses Leiria and Mr J. Leiria, from Verdi’s opera “Aroldo,” was performed with much precision. The entertainment was concluded with a song “Vo Danza” by Mrs F. Guedes, who sang with good taste and spirit. While the Portuguese national anthem was being played, Mr Figueiredo was called to the stage to be congratulated for the success of his labour as the principal promoter of the entertainment, and he in return thanked the audience for their attendance and patronage.

The Russian cruiser *Krayatz* arrived at Batavia on the 27th March from Cape Town, and is at present stationed there.

H.M.S. *Martin* arrived at Chefoo from Taku on the morning of the 12th, and, after coaling, proceeded to sea.

H.M.S. *Zubet*, from Nagasaki, arrived at Shanghai on the 13th instant, and anchored off Hongkong.

Paris, April 8.—M. de Patenôtre telegraphs that the Tsing-ki Yamin has ratified the preliminaries of peace.—*Straits Times*.

The Russian chartered transport *Kostroma*, with troops on board for Vladivostok, arrived in Singapore on the 6th instant, from Odessa, and was to leave for her destination after calling at the Borneo Co’s wharf.

The *Straits Times* hears that owing to the rumours of war Marine Insurance Companies are charging for war risks from Singapore to England one per cent. for steamers and one and a half per cent. for sailing vessels.

It is reported that His Excellency Tso Tsung-tang has memorialised the Throne with the view to the establishment of a sugar factory at Foochow, the profits arising therefrom being estimated by him to be sufficient to pay the interest on his recent foreign loan. The Board of Revenue think Tso’s proposal a good one, and have consented to it being carried out. The high authorities of Szechuan, Chekiang, Kiangnan, and Kiangsu have also been directed to consider whether they cannot raise money in a similar way.—*Courier*.

A NUMBER of the foreign policemen who deserted the Shanghai Police last year went to Australia and are doing very well. One writes to say that they are all employed. Two of them remained for the S. S. *Asiatic*, and their employers are keeping their pay accounts open, from till they return, their pay as soldiers being 5s. in one case and 7s. 6d. a day in the other. Two of the men are keeping a store in New Zealand. A person in Shanghai wrote to the Superintendent of Police at Sydney stating that certain members of the Police Force here had deserted. This information, however, had no effect, and the men obtained employment.—*N. & P. News*.

Various reports, says the *Straits Times* of the 9th instant, have been current during the past few days regarding the steps taken to put the Colony in a state of defence in case of war, one of the most startling of these being a rumour that the Government had taken over the Krupp guns and ammunition landed here from various steamers bound to China. The fact is, we are assured, that the local Government has done nothing at all, and in fact is unable to do so at the present juncture. All the schemes of defence have been calculated and fully planned at the War Office, and officers sent out here to carry out the necessary works.

A Ningpo correspondent says that five of the foreign gunners belonging to the Chinese fleet have been discharged and their passages paid to Shanghai.

ADMIRAL Davis, on the U.S.S. *Juniper*, arrived at Shanghai on the 14th instant, the Admiral having shifted his flag from the *Trenton* to the *Juniper* at Sharp Peak.

H.M.S. gunboat *Zephyr* arrived at Shanghai on the 14th instant, from Ningpo, in compliance with telegraphic instructions. We (*Courier*) are informed that a peace proclamation has been issued at Ningpo, and that it is expected Admiral Gouraud will be soon at Shanghai. The *Zephyr* is still at Ningpo for the last six weeks, and was in the Yangtze river when the Chinese were supposed to have effectively blockaded the entrance. The Chinese Admiral sent the first lieutenant of the *Kai-ki* to pilot the *Zephyr* out of the river, and between the sunken junks there was a passage some fourteen feet deep. The *Zephyr* left again on the 15th for Nagasaki.

The following telegram from Li Hung Chang to the local officials is published by the Shanghai papers:—

The French Consul, M. Ristelueber, has written a despatch to the Viceroy to the effect that he had received a telegram from M. Patenôtre, saying that the French Government had sent a despatch to Admiral Courbet ordering him to cease hostilities on the 10th April, and that the blockade of Formosa immediately; and another despatch to the French commander in Amoy, ordering him to abstain from further attack and to withdraw from the blockade coast between Poichai and the frontier of Tongking.—The Viceroy therefore commands the cessation of all hostilities on the part of the Chinese, and the avoidance of any acts of bad faith.

A previous conviction at the Supreme Court for larceny of jewellery, and also a conviction for breach of conditional pardon, were proved against the prisoner, and he was now committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

LA ROYENY FROM THE PERSON.

Liuen Aon, an unlicensed hawk, with a previous conviction against him for a similar offence, was convicted of picking the pocket of a scaman named Charles Gregory, of two \$1 notes. The scaman, who belongs to the ship *Streeter’s Wood*, was riding in the street to-day 4 and 5 pm, with two \$1 notes in his waistcoat pocket, when he felt a hand at his pocket and saw the prisoner in the act of withdrawing his hand with the notes in them. The prisoner ran away but complainant caught him and gave him in charge. When the prisoner was examined at the Station the notes were found in his mouth.

Prisoner was sentenced to six months’ hard labour.

HOW PEACE WAS ARRANGED BETWEEN FRANCE AND CHINA.

The Peking correspondent of the N.C. D. News, writing on the 9th inst., says:—

It is a mistake to suppose that France is likely to “patch up a hasty peace with China,” to use an expression which is not the writer’s. The facts of the case are that Sir Robert Hart seized the favourable moment after the Chinese success at Langson, which removed all shadow of suspicion of China’s being actuated by defeat or distress; and, in view of France being hasty moved to continue the war with vigour which would have been the ruin of China

—and also of the Japanese pressure—which was giving great anxiety to China, he prepared the Yamen to make advances through

his Excellency Li Hong-pao, as Duncader, commander for the Far East.

His Excellency Li Hong-pao, but now unname

and unranked, has received orders to return to China.

Captain Castle, who has been long and favourably known in the China shipping trade, has been appointed to the *Ningpo*, one of the Chinese Shippers Mutual Steam Navigation Company.

In the Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice a claim of salvage in the Red Sea by the owners of the *Atlantic* steamer, of Greenock, against the owners of the *Sussex* steamship, trading between Japan, China, and New York, has been heard, and the sum of £2,700 was awarded.

In the House of Commons, on the 9th March, Mr. Gorst asked whether Her Ma

esty’s Government now regard North Borneo as under British sovereignty, and, if so, when such sovereignty was acquired.

Lord Granville said that Her Majesty’s Government did not regard North Borneo as being under British sovereignty.

There has been a panic on the Pacific Bourse, and a great fall in the price of

Russian stocks.

London, March 29.—The Central News Agency says that the Russian Government should forthwith submit a report of the trespasses, alleged to have been committed by Afghans, for the decision of the Boundary Commission.

Paris, March 30.—The French Ministry

has resigned in consequence of being defeated on the Tsinqua vote in the Chamber

of Deputies to-day.

London, March 30.—A meeting in conn

ection with the Indian and Colonial Exhib

ition in 1888 took place in Marlborough House to-day, under the presidency of the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness, in his speech, said that the Exhibition was essentially a national and imperial one, differing from former Exhibitions, where trade rivalry and profit had been paramount, and the Prince said he trusted the Exhibition would strengthen the union of the Empire. The Indian and Colonial Government had guaranteed fifty-one thousand pounds, and English firms seventy-six thousand pounds to the cost of the Jutland Awards Commemorative medals will be given to each exhibitor. Arrangements are being made for obtaining facilities for Indians and Colonials to visit the Industrial centres of Great Britain. His Royal Highness said he would take the same personal active part in the Exhibition as at the one in Paris. Sir F. Callicrate Owen

has been entrusted with executive details.

In conclusion the Prince hoped the Exhib

ition would convey to India and the Colonies

the assurance that while England was deeply

involved in the war in Tonquin.

London, March 30.—Lord Fitzmaurice has been requested to form a new cabinet.

The decision in the Chamber of Deputies to-day was in favour of a vigorous prosecu

tion of the war in Tonquin.

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The Central News Agency says that the

Chinese Shippers Mutual Steam Navigation Company has contracted with Messrs J. & W. Thompson, of Sunderland, for a steel screw steamer for China trade. The vessel, to be named *China*, will be 180 ft. long, 30 ft. wide, 8 ft. 6 in. deep, with a 40 ft. 6 in. broad, and will be equipped with a 1000 h.p. engine, 1000 h.p. steam-turbine, and will be able to sail at 10 knots.

The vessel will have two iron decks, the upper one

being covered with 3 in. of iron, and will

possess all the latest arrangements for working both ship and cargo.

The vessel will have a passenger certificate and will be entitled to the Admiralty list of transports.

Her engines are of the triple expansion system, having cylinders of 30 in., 45 in.,

and 72 in., and will indicate 2,300 h.p. steam.

The vessel is supplied from two steel double-ended boilers at a pressure of 140 lbs.

These boilers are fitted with Fox’s

corroborated furnaces.

As we recently announced, the company are also having

considerably over Lloyd’s requirements.

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ON TUESDAY, the 21st April, 1885, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *IRAO ADDY*, Commanded by Mr. with MAINS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 9, 1885. 603



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